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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 6563

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): LAVON, ET AL. Confirmation No. 4421

Serial No.: 08/828,005 Group Art Unit: 3761

Date Filed: March 27, 1997 Examiner: Karin M. Reichle

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING REMOVABLE COMPONENTS

1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
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INDEP.	* 1	MINUS	*** 3	= 0	x \$84 =	\$0.00
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time.

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- b. ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.

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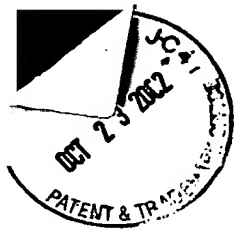
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION DECISION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action mailed 30 November 2000 and the Petition Decision mailed 17 September 2002, applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph on page 6 at line 11 prior to the paragraph beginning with "FIG. 1 shows..." in the specification as originally filed:

6' sub #37 The term "disposable" is used herein to describe absorbent articles which are not intended to be laundered or otherwise restored or reused as an absorbent article, i.e., that are intended to be discarded after a single use and, preferably, to be recycled, composted or otherwise disposed of in an environmentally compatible manner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the pending claims according to the clean version of the entire set of pending claims herewith submitted in a single paper in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3). Each amended claim therein rewritten is indicated by the parenthetical expression "amended" following the claim number, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), this amendment is accompanied by another version of each rewritten claim marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the amended claim.

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